Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, September 29, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence
The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
    a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 15, 2025
    b. Approval of payroll claims for September 14-27, 2025
    c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
    d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
    a. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 25C-026 for the adoption and appropriations of the proposed 2025-2026 county budget.
    b. **3:00 p.m**. Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.
    c. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 25C-027 setting the County Property Tax Request at $8,773,667.86 (6.45% increase).
    d. **3:00 p.m**. Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer oral or written support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the presentation of the Dakota County One-and-Six Year Road Plan with proposal to adopt said Plan.
    e. Board to approve adoption of the One-and-Six Year Road Plan.
    f. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requesting Board to approve the Annual Road Report.
    g. Board to approve Resolution 25C-028 Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2025. §39-115, 39-219, 39-2120, 39-2121 and 30-2510(2).
    h. Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office, present quarterly updates.
    i. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, to present report on distress warrants to the county board and make an itemized report covering the amount uncollected. §77-1719.02
    j. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, to present report setting out a list of real property in the county on which any taxes are delinquent and not sold at last annual tax sale. §77-1918
    k. Board to review and approve each office's notarized inventory statement of all County personal property in the possession of that officer as valid and file them in the County Clerk's Office.§23-347
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
    a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
    - Reminder - County Government Day Wednesday, October 8, 2025
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims and all looked in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 15, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for September 14 to 27, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-$184,214.92; Net Pay-$131,468.93; Total Retirement-$13,207.75; Total FICA-$13,642.38; Health Plan-$39,760.00; Dental Plan-$1,440.00; Life Insurance-$191.01; Richard Bousquet-$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-$1,519.21; Paola Ledesma-$1,673.76; Kathy Abbe-$1,502.40; Khen Chu-$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-$1,356.00; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-$1,346.40; Debera Benton-$1,540.00; Christy Abts-$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-$636.00; Karen Becerra-$1,744.80;

Katherine Wiltgen-$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-$1,923.59; Samantha Mitchell-$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-$2,352.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-$1,616.76; Jacob Acero-$1,960.03; Shaun Bird-$275.28; Timothy Decker-$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-$2,625.21; Penny Epting-$2,662.58; Brian Fernau-$2,530.52; Tyler Fulkerth-$2,945.98; Martin Guerrero-$2,528.24; Melvin Harrison III-$2,661.35; Jason James-$2,405.60; Kimberly Johnson-$1,052.25; Jared Junge-$2,634.78; Christopher Kleinberg-$3,185.79; Jose Magana-$2,845.78; Keaton Mueller-$2,737.00; Gregory Nyhof-$2,730.20; Kelsey O'Neill-$1,951.32; Mardi Schnee-$1,393.46; Shantel Drum-$1,237.60; Sarah Hammond-$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-$1,423.13; Debra Schmiedt-$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-$3,981.55; Summer Adair-$1,744.21; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-$0.00; Shaelee Barreras-$3,367.50; Ismael Castro-$3,285.07; Timathey Chamberlain-$2,266.92; Charlotte Coleman-$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-$851.78; Elisabet DeRoin-$2,346.05; Jennifer Fuentes-$2,060.11; Jonathan Gray-$2,080.50; Kara Groetken-$1,992.40; McKenna Hammer-$1,730.74; Todd Hammer-$2,532.53; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-$771.42; Daron Jackson-$1,721.82; Dustin Johnson-$1,909.24; Terry Johnson-$2,760.25; Carol Juarez-$2,053.14; Hannah Keatts-$732.24; Matthew Kronick-$662.97; Brandon Long-$5,027.48; Jennifer Marquez-$0.00; Skyler Miner-$1,911.19; Lucas Moulton-$715.48; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-$1,923.90; Jaime Perez-Rojas-$597.68; Kimberly Peterson-$1,914.81; Cesar Ponce Robles-$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-$1,752.76; Kaden Ruring-$1,718.24; Jeremy Russell-$2,765.76; Jerry Santos-$1,784.53; Jennifer Svendsen-$1,245.30; Cody Thomas-$1,205.40; Armando Valerio-$1,775.40; Regn Vater-$1,127.13; Randall Walsh-$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-$1,707.90; Deanna Hagberg-$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-$2,246.21; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-$1,546.36; Theresa Grove-$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-$1,577.55; Nicholas Nieman-$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-$11,757.25; State Tax-$5,976.76; Soc Sec-$11,056.57; Medicare-$2,585.81; Extra Fit-$1,456.00; Extra Sit-$485.00; Retirement-$9,102.80; Health Plan-$3,300.00; Dental Plan-$483.00; Colonial Health-$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-$202.17; Deferred Comp-$1,840.00; Garnishments-$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-$401.22; Legal Shield-$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-$12.26; VSP Vision Base-$115.23; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-$22,188.23; Net Pay-$16,241.87; Retirement-$1,497.69; Total FICA-$1,647.95; Health Plan-$6,160.00; Dental Plan-$220.00; Life Insurance-$27.16; Tristin Eifert-$2,069.64; Michael Fuchser-$1,853.45; Robert Hacker-$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-$1,924.80; David Kneifl-$2,177.18; Kimon Litras-$2,226.73; Brandon Miller-$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-$1,924.80; Dean Pallas-$2,427.78; Robert Schmidt-$1,853.45; Gunner Stanwick-$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-$1,536.33; State Tax-$746.89; FICA-$1,335.59; Medicare-$312.36; Extra Fit-$45.00; Retirement-$998.49; Health Plan-$450.00; Dental Plan-$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-$0.00; Garnishments-$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-$40.00; Road Union Dues-$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-$50.16; Legal Shield-$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-$6.50; VSP Vision Base-$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-$1,622.40; Net Pay-$1,222.38; Retirement-$109.51; Total FICA-$120.29; Health Plan-$560.00; Life Insurance-$2.55; Chloe Coover-$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-$101.52; State Tax-$55.20; FICA-$97.49; Medicare-$22.80; Retirement-$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-$1,879.44; Net Pay-$1,475.50; Retirement-$118.58; Total FICA-$140.97; Health Plan-$560.00; Dental Plan-$20.00; Life Insurance-$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-$122.64; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-$98.68; State Tax-$48.57; FICA-$114.25; Medicare-$26.72; Retirement-$79.06; Dental Plan-$21.00; VSP Vision Base-$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-$1,674.00; Net Pay-$1,387.59; Retirement-$113.00; Total FICA-$125.26; Dental Plan-$20.00; Life Insurance-$2.55; Kristin Robinette-$1,674.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-$0.00; State Tax-$49.16; FICA-$101.52; Medicare-$23.74; Retirement-$75.33; Dental Plan-$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: **General Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-$421.91; Dental Account, premium-$1923.00; FSA Dep Care - $208.33; FSA Medical-$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-$43,060.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-$675.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$13,213.25; Globe Life Liberty, premium-$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-$254.36; Legalshield, premium-$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-$191.01; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-$1,840.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$6,461.76; Point C – admin fees, $82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, $2,670.67; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$22,310.55; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$27,284.76; VSP, premium-$516.45. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-$38.23; Dental Account, premium-$262.00; FSA Medical-$40.00; Health Plan, premium-$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$1,581.33; Globe Life Liberty, premium-$6.50; Legalshield, premium-$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$746.89; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$2,496.18; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$3,295.90; VSP, premium-$69.68; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA-Withdrawals, $986.95; Point C – Auto Withdrawals, $20,645.99; Point C Medical-admin fees, $26,524.93; VSP-Cobra premium, $19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-$50.00; Medical Account, premium-$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$55.20; Principal Life – premiums, $23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-$41.00; Health Plan, premium-$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$48.57; Principal Life-premiums, $25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$281.94; VSP, premium-$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$49.16; Principal Life-premiums, $23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$188.33; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$250.52; VSP, premium-$15.66.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-026 for the adoption and appropriations of the proposed 2025-2026 county budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-026 OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 15th day of September, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Dakota County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request at 3:04 p.m. There were no comments in support, opposition or criticism. Chair Hohenstein closed the Public Hearing at 3:05 p.m.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve Resolution 25C-027 setting the County Property Tax Request at $8,773,667.86 (6.45% increase). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-027
SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of the Dakota County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Dakota County, resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 General Fund property tax request be set at $8,773,667.86.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12.04%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be $0.271222 per $100 of assessed value.
4. Dakota County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $0.288719 per $100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Dakota County will be decreased from last year's budget by 4.99 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution to be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Adopted this 29th day of September, 2025.

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer oral or written support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the presentation of the Dakota County One-and-Six Year Road Plan with proposal to adopt said Plan at 3:07 p.m. There were no comments in support, opposition or criticism. Chair Hohenstein closed the public hearing at 3:08 p.m.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve adopting the One-and-Six Year Road Plan as presented by Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Annual Road Report. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Annual Road Report as presented by Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-028 Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2025. §39-115, 39-219, 39-2120, 39-2121 and 30-2510(2). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2025

Resolution No. 25C-028

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Dakota County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

(Print name of county)

Adopted this 29th day of September 2025 at Dakota County Nebraska.

(Month)

County Board Members

County Board Member Jeff Reed
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Rogelio Rodriguez Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest:

Chris Conley
(Signature of Clerk)

DAKOTA COUNTY CLERK OF DAKOTA COUNTY NEBRASKA

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, presented a report on distress warrants and an itemized report covering the amount uncollected pursuant to §77-1719.02

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, presented a report setting out a list of real property in the county on which any taxes are delinquent and not sold at last annual tax sale pursuant to §77-1918

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve each office's notarized inventory statement of all County personal property in the possession of that officer as valid for the year ending June 30, 2025 and that are filed with the County Clerk's Office pursuant to§23-347. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve a Special Designated Liquor license for October 11, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds rodeo arena area. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for September 1 to September 27, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 449.5 hours; overtime hours – 24 hours; tree/debris removal – 12 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 106 hours (270th St, 260th St, 180th St, M Ave, S Bluff, and S Bluff ditch); gravel hauling – 323 hours; total tons hauled – 962.27 on roads and 450.65 1" rock hauled into yard and 936.57 gravel hauled into yard); sign repair – 50 hours; weed spraying – 3 hours Several road concerns-grading, gravel and MM grading. Commissioner Hohenstein asked if a flashing stop sign could possibly be placed at both ends of Highway 110 and Jolene will look into it. Jolene informed the Board she is still working on the "I Adams" bridge grant and surveys will help obtain.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Hohenstein invited a representative from Region IV to a board meeting to educate what services are provided to Dakota County.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Letter regarding County Government Day on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Commissioner Van Berkum stated he would be in attendance.

2025 Public Safety Tax Statement was explained to the Board. New this year pursuant to 77-1701 on the tax statements sent out by the Treasurer shall clearly indicate, for each political subdivision, the amount of property taxes due to fund any and all public safety services.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn, Commissioner Bousquet seconded. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 29, 2025, at 3:27 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein Chair

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Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary